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SUBJECT: BRAZIL FM SILVEIRA OPENS 31ST UNGA GENERAL DEBATE

1. IN HIS PLENARY SPEECH OPENING THE GENERAL DEBATE AT THE 31ST UNGA REGULAR SESSION, BRAZIL'S FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA DECLARED THAT CRITICISM OF THE UN IS OFTEN "SELF SERVING" AND THAT IT WOULD BE "ILLUSORY" TO THINK THAT PROCEDURES AND BEHAVIOR IN THE UN COULD "EVER BE ISOLATED FROM THE POLITICAL CIRCUMSTANCES THAT GENERATE PROBLEMS." HE LAMENTED THE FACT THAT IN RECENT YEARS THERE HAS BEEN A PARADOXICAL TREND OF RELAZATION OF INTERNATIONAL TENSION BETWEEN THE SUPERPOWERS, YET A WEAKENING OF THE COLLECTIVE SECURITY SYSTEM MACHINERY OF THE UN, I.E., UNRESTRICTED USE OF THE VETO.

2. RE AFRICA, SILVEIRA LIMITED HIS COMMENTS TO THE HOPE THAT THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE AND NAMIBIA WOULD SOON BE ABLE TO EXERCISE THEIR NATIONAL WILL.

3. TURNING TO THE MAJOR PORTION AND EMPHASIS OF HIS ADDRESS, SILVEIRA SAID IT WAS URGENT O NEGOTIATE CONCRETE MEASURES TO END THE "DISPARITY BETWEEN THE UNCLASSIFIED

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DEVELOPED AND THE UNDERDEVELOPED NATIONS." HE SAID THE

BELIEF THAT THERE IS A NET TRANSFER OF CAPITAL FROM THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO THE LDCS IS BECOMING A "MYTH" AND CITED UN STUDIES TO SUPPORT HIS CONTENTION, HE ARGUED THAT THE "STAGNATION" OF POORER NATIONS "CANNOT BE THE PRICE TO BE PAID TO CONSERVE THE ENVIRONMENT." HE WARNED OF A GROWING "TECHNOLOGICAL GAP" AND THAT EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE TO TRANSFER THE TECHNOLOGY OF THE NORTH TO THE SOUTH. SILVEIRA CONCLUDED BY STATING THE UN MST DISCHARGE A "A POSITIVE ROLE IN CHANGING PRESENT INTERNATIONAL STRUCTURES."
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